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1. The airport is located 4.5 km northeast of the center of the town of Karlovy Vary. The geographical location of the center of the airfield is 12° 54' 30" East and 50° 12' 20" North.

2. Meteotological conditions are not favorable. Prevailing winds are from the southeast. The relatively high altitude is the cause of frequent rains. Visibility is bad because of frequent fog.

3. The airfield lacks concrete runways, the surface being covered by grass. The ground can be considered solid and runways are not specially marked. Take-off and landing of planes is mainly carried out from the south-western direction. From time to time landings are made from the west toward the northwest, but take-offs can not be carried out in that direction because of a forest on that side of the field. Sometimes the planes land from west to southwest. There is a control tower /See Enclosure (A)/ but it is not in operation.

4. Toward the west and northwest, about one kilometer from the airfield is "Vituv Vrch" (Vitus' Hill), which rises 160 meters above the level of the airfield. The slope of the hill reaches almost to the boundaries of the airfield, near the Karlovy Vary - Kolova highway. About five kilometers from the airfield is "Andelska Hora" (Angel's Mountain), 664 meters high, which rises 180 meters above the level of the airfield. Behind "Vituv Vrch" and west of the airfield are groups of hills, situated along the Tepla river. Otherwise the area around the airfield is free of obstacles. The city of Karlovy Vary and the airfield are located in a valley. For this reason the airfield is not quite visible for landing from west and north because the valley is surrounded by woods. From other sides the landing conditions are favorable. The whole area around the airfield is strewn with district highways. Within an area of 20 square kilometers there are no obstacles, except for those mentioned. About 35 kilometers from the airfield is Krusne Hory (Erzgebirge) which with Klinovec Mountain reaches the altitude of 1,244 meters.

5. There is no customs inspection at the airport, as all flights going abroad and from abroad are directed to or from Prague airports. There are no repair shops at the field. All repairs are carried out in the garages.

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6. The airfield is constantly watched by two members of the police corps (SNB), who come to the airfield from Karlovy Vary. Guards are replaced each 24 hours. The guard also controls visitors entering the airfield.

7. The airfield is equipped with three underground gasoline reservoirs where about 120 thousand liters of gasoline are stored. Oil is kept in barrels. Electricity is supplied from Karlovy Vary; the transformer is located in the village Olsova Vrata. The airport is supplied with water from its own waterworks.

8. The airport has regional facilities for aircraft control, that is, for civil and military purposes. Equipment consists of the German models FUG 10 and FUG 16; frequency of the civilian equipment is 3,442.5 and 3,255 klh. Both pieces of equipment are located in the airport station building. The airfield is also equipped with an mobile goniometer, The goniometer is model "EP 2", frequency 333 klh. There is no radio tower. There are two reflectors on the airfield which have not been used yet for landings.

9. There is no antiaircraft artillery on the airfield, there is also no radar station. The airfield is equipped only with two "Arado" pursuit planes. The civilian part of the airport has two model "Praga E 115 and one model "Zlin" 181 or 282; the military part of the airfield has two planes, model "Cap" (Stork), and two planes of the model "Arado". The civilian administration of the airfield is equipped with an ambulance.

10. There is a military garrison on the airfield called "air guard" consisting of about 15 men including officers. There are only a few civil employees of the airport. These have special identification cards issued by the Czechoslovak Airlines (CSA).

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ENCLOSURE (A): Military and Civilian Airport in Karlovy Vary, with Legend

(B): Sketch showing location of Military and Civilian Airport in Karlovy Vary

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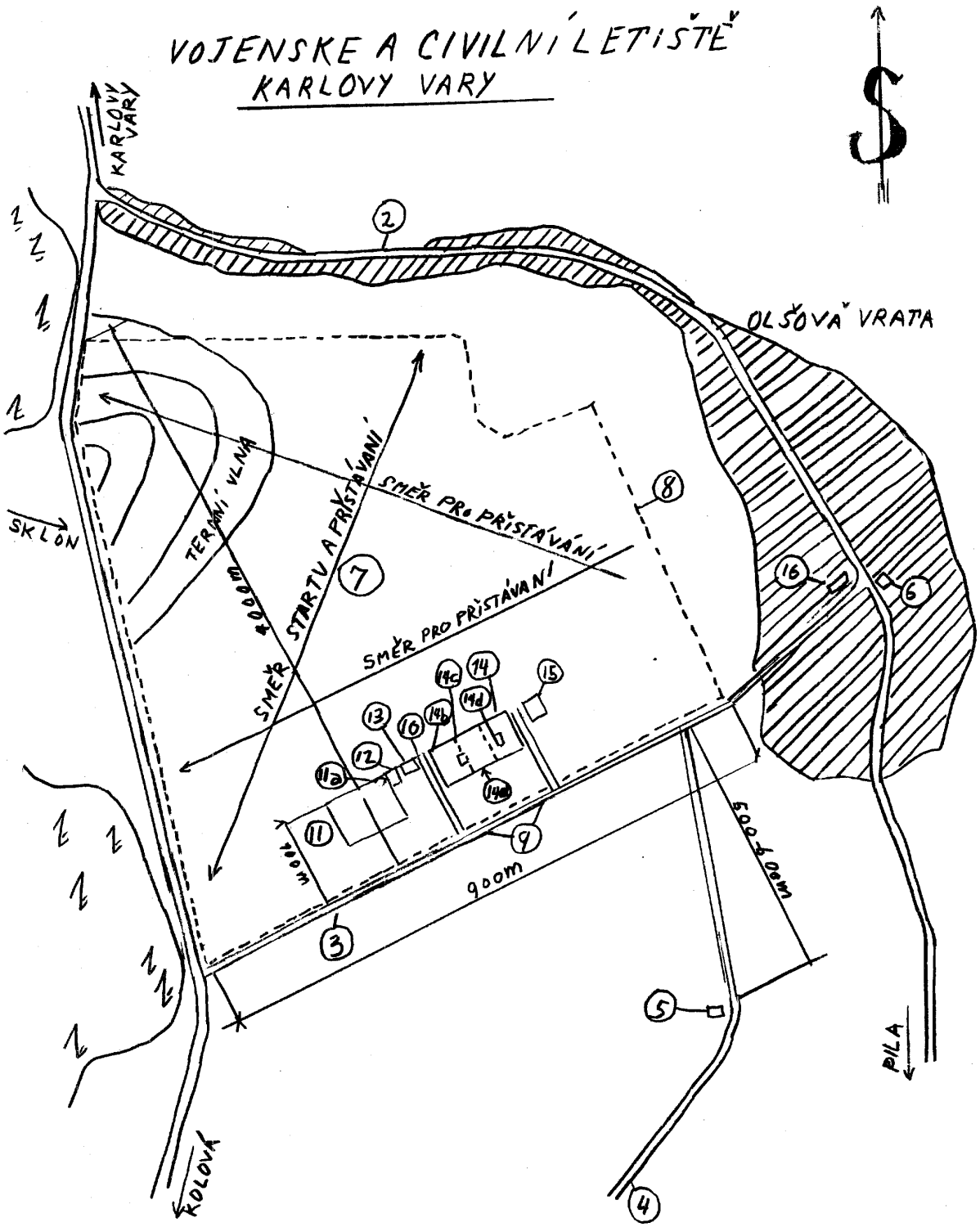

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Legend:

1.... The District Highway Karlovy Vary - Kolova. The highway is six meters wide, has a rolled surface.
2.... District Highway Karlovy Vary - Olsova Vrata - Pila. The highway is about six meters wide with a rolled surface.
3.... Districk Highway connecting the community Kolova with the community Olsova Vrata. The highway is six meters wide.
4.... A field path, three meters wide between Karlovy Vary and Kolova.
5.... The waterworks of the airport.
6.... Electric transformer in the village Olsova Vrata.
7.... Airport area, covered by grass, 900 x 1000 meters. The airfield has no slope in the northwest part of the airfield rises slightly and near the highway it rises about seven meters above the average level of the airfield.
8.... The area of the airfield is indicated by red and white markers; the airfield is not enclosed by a fence.
9.... Two roads leading to the airfield. They are about 70 meters apart.
10.... A road block
11.... The hangar, brick, with a flat concrete roof.
11a.... The wind sock above the hangar.
12.... Underground gasoline reservoirs with a capacity of 120 thousand liters. The pump is fixed on the hangar wall.
13.... House of the permanent officer of the airfield. It is a one-story brick building, with a tile roof, five x 10 meters.
14.... Entrance in the airport station through which passengers have to enter. The entrance is constantly closed except during the times planes arrive and depart. 50X1
14a.... Unidentified
14b.... The control tower, of steel construction, with glass roofing, 15 meters high. The tower is not yet in operation.
14c.... A radio-transmitter for the control of civilian air traffic.
14d.... A radio transmitter for the control of the military air traffic. The airport military garrison is accommodated in the airport station.
15.... Garages and private apartments of the civilian employees - a one-story brick building, with a tile roof, 10 x 15 meters.
16.... Civilian buildings used for accommodation of soldiers. The air control will be transferred into these buildings.

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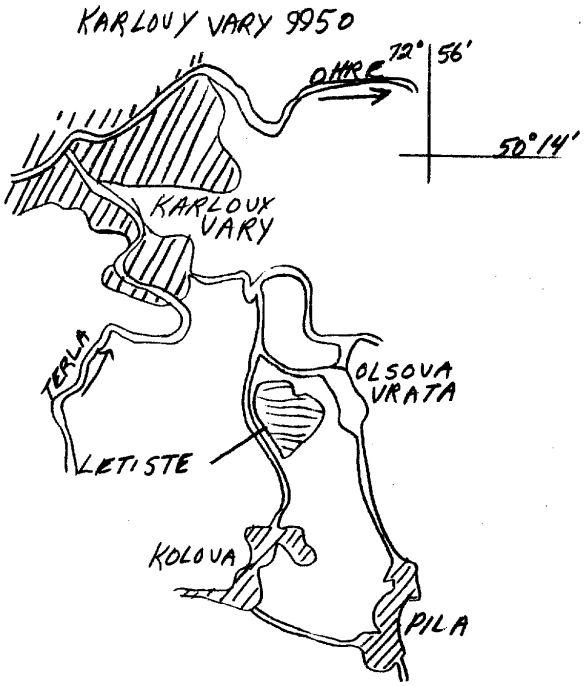

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